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1. Source reports that Aleksandr Lavrishchev, Soviet Ambassador to Turkey, has jurisdiction over all diplomatic, consular, propaganda, and secret intelligence activities of the Soviet satellite countries in Turkey, Greece, Syria, and Lebanon. Jurisdiction over activities of the representatives of these countries in Israel and Iraq is exercised by the Soviet Embassies in Cairo and Tehran, respectively.
2. Generally speaking, the system to be followed will be one whereby Lavrishchev will hold interviews daily (or every two or three days) between himself or a member of his staff and the Chiefs of Mission, or their representatives, of the Soviet satellite countries. During these interviews, all activities, problems, and projects will be submitted to Lavrishchev for his suggestions or instructions, which will be followed without question.
3. Source asserts that Lavrishchev's new powers were exercised in the recent appointments of Jordan Chobanov as Bulgarian Minister to Turkey, Sava Popavranov as Counsellor of the Bulgarian Legation, and of Dimitriu Olteanu as Rumanian Ambassador. These appointments all had Lavrishchev's prior approval and the appointees were instructed to obey his instructions to the letter. Source claims that all future appointments of Soviet satellite officials also will be subject to Lavrishchev's approval.

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